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AMENDMENT/REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 25, 2004, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: There are no amendments to the specification.

Amendments to the Claims: Amendments to the claims are reflected in a listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: There are no amendments to the drawings.

Remarks/Arguments: Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.